

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES MONROE,

Petitioner,

Civil No. 08-1812 L (JMA)

v.
A. HEDGPETH, Warden,

Respondent.

**ORDER REOPENING CASE AND
SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

On October 3, 2008, Petitioner, proceeding pro se, submitted a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

In its October 14, 2008 Order, the Court dismissed this case without prejudice because Petitioner failed to satisfy the filing fee requirement. Petitioner was instructed that to have this case reopened he had to either pay the \$5.00 filing fee or submit adequate proof of his inability to pay the fee no later than December 17, 2008.

On November 3, 2008, Petitioner filed a motion to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to this Court's Order. Based on this Court's review of the Petition, the Court **ORDERS** that this case be reopened. Further, in accordance with Rule 4 of the rules governing petitions for a writ

1 of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, and upon a preliminary review of the Petition,

2 **IT IS ORDERED** that:

3 1. The Clerk of this Court shall promptly (a) serve a copy of the Petition and a copy
 4 of this Order on the Attorney General for the State of California, or his authorized agent; and
 5 (b) serve a copy of this Order on Petitioner.

6 2. If Respondent contends the Petition can be decided without the Court's reaching
 7 the merits of Petitioner's claims (e.g., because Respondent contends Petitioner has failed to
 8 exhaust any state remedies as to any ground for relief alleged in the Petition, or that the Petition
 9 is barred by the statute of limitations, or that the Petition is subject to dismissal under Rule 9 of
 10 the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases, or that all of the claims are procedurally defaulted, or that
 11 Petitioner is not in custody), Respondent shall file a motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 4 of the
 12 Rules Governing § 2254 Cases no later than **December 29, 2008**. The motion to dismiss shall
 13 not address the merits of Petitioner's claims, but rather shall address all grounds upon which
 14 Respondent contends dismissal without reaching the merits of Petitioner's claims is warranted.¹
 15 At the time the motion to dismiss is filed, Respondent shall lodge with the Court all records
 16 bearing on Respondent's contention in this regard. A hearing date is not required for the motion
 17 to dismiss.

18 3. If Respondent files a motion to dismiss, Petitioner shall file his opposition, if any,
 19 to the motion no later than **January 28, 2009**. At the time the opposition is filed, Petitioner shall
 20 lodge with the Court any records not lodged by Respondent which Petitioner believes may be
 21 relevant to the Court's determination of the motion.

22 4. Unless the Court orders otherwise, Respondent shall not file a reply to Petitioner's
 23 opposition to a motion to dismiss. If the motion is denied, the Court will afford Respondent
 24 adequate time to respond to Petitioner's claims on the merits.

25 5. If Respondent does not contend that the Petition can be decided without the Court
 26 reaching the merits of Petitioner's claims, Respondent shall file and serve an answer to the
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28 ¹ If Respondent contends Petitioner has failed to exhaust any state remedies as to any ground for relief alleged in
 the Petition, the motion to dismiss shall also specify the state remedies still available to Petitioner.

1 Petition, as well as points and authorities in support of such answer, no later than **January 12,**
 2 **2009.** At the time the answer is filed, Respondent shall lodge with the Court all records bearing
 3 on the merits of Petitioner's claims. The lodgments shall be accompanied by a notice of
 4 lodgment which shall be captioned "**Notice of Lodgment in 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Habeas Corpus**
 5 **Case — To Be Sent to Clerk's Office.**" Respondent shall not combine separate pleadings,
 6 orders or other items into a combined lodgment entry. Each item shall be numbered separately
 7 and sequentially.

8 6. Petitioner may file a traverse to matters raised in the answer no later than
 9 **February 12, 2009.** Any traverse by Petitioner (a) shall state whether Petitioner admits or
 10 denies each allegation of fact contained in the answer; (b) shall be limited to facts or arguments
 11 responsive to matters raised in the answer; and (c) shall not raise new grounds for relief that
 12 were not asserted in the Petition. Grounds for relief withheld until the traverse will not be
 13 considered. No traverse shall exceed ten (10) pages in length absent advance leave of Court for
 14 good cause shown.

15 7. A request by a party for an extension of time within which to file any of the
 16 pleadings required by this Order should be made in advance of the due date of the pleading, and
 17 the Court will grant such a request only upon a showing of good cause. Any such request shall
 18 be accompanied by a declaration under penalty of perjury explaining why an extension of time
 19 is necessary.

20 8. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, this case shall be deemed submitted on the
 21 day following the date Petitioner's opposition to a motion to dismiss and/or his traverse is due.

22 9. Every document delivered to the Court must include a certificate of service
 23 attesting that a copy of such document was served on opposing counsel (or on the opposing
 24 party, if such party is not represented by counsel). Any document delivered to the Court without
 25 a certificate of service will be returned to the submitting party and disregarded by the Court.

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1 10. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Court and counsel for Respondent of any
2 change of Petitioner's address. If Petitioner fails to keep the Court informed of where Petitioner
3 may be contacted, this action will be subject to dismissal for failure to prosecute.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 | DATED: November 13, 2008

Jan M. Adler
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U.S. Magistrate Judge